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Submission of Project 33.890, "Re-evaluation of Floor Areas of  
Four Soviet Aircraft Plants."

1. The attached project, which incorporates a wide variety of plant information, is an interesting departure from previous research in Soviet aircraft production. Disparate and fragmentary data have been carefully analysed and ingeniously employed as indicators of plant floorspace. The conclusions are well tempered and appear to be reasonable. Although the salient finding is that Plant No. 39 has grown considerably, the other plant studies are significant in their support of earlier floorspace estimates.

2. The analyst has also solved a difficult organizational problem in presenting his material. Because the writing is clear and workmanlike, the report should need only minor editing. As suggested in the Branch Chief's memorandum of evaluation, the report should be published in time for the September conference.

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